

In the drawings:

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In the claims:

- 1 1. (currently amended) A method of updating business control
2 data, comprising the steps of:

3 developing a model of business rules spanning a plurality of
4 applications and building said rules into a ~~modeled~~ common
5 database;

6 entering business control data into said ~~modeled~~ common database;
7 and

8 disseminating to a said plurality of applications, respective
9 portions of said business control data according to said business
10 rules.
- 1 2. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein said rules are built
2 to define a dissemination structure.
- 1 3. (currently amended) The method of claim 2, wherein said
2 structure has a plurality of instances of said ~~modeled~~ common
3 database.

1 4. (original) The method of claim 3, wherein said plurality of
2 instances run on a corresponding plurality of servers located in
3 corresponding geographical locations.

1 5. (original) The method of claim 4, wherein said geographical
2 locations are in disparate continents.

1 6. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said
2 business control data is entered into said ~~modeled~~ common
3 database using a common data administration application.

1 7. (original) The method of claim 6, wherein said common data
2 administration application is adapted to receive input from
3 logged on individuals and from an automated feed from a source
4 system.

1 8. (original) The method of claim 6, further comprising the step
2 of entering additional rules into said common data administration
3 application.

1 9. (currently amended) The method of claim 8, wherein said
2 business control data is entered into said ~~modeled~~ common
3 database according to said additional rules.

1 10. (original) A system for updating business control data,
2 comprising:

1 a relational database having rules defining a business model
2 having a plurality of applications;

3 business control data in said relational database; and

4 dissemination means coupled to said relational database for
5 disseminating said business control data to said plurality of
6 applications according to said business rules.

1 11. (original) The system of claim 10, wherein said rules define
2 a dissemination structure.

1 12. (original) The system of claim 11, wherein said structure has
2 a plurality of instances of said relational database.

1 13. (original) The system of claim 12, wherein said plurality of
2 instances run on a corresponding plurality of servers located in
3 corresponding geographical locations.

1 14. (original) The system of claim 13, wherein said geographical
2 locations are in disparate continents.

1 15. (original) The system of claim 10, further comprising a
2 common data administration application coupled to said relational
3 database for entering said business control data into said
4 relational database.

1 16. (original) The system of claim 15, wherein said common data
2 administration application is adapted to receive input from
3 logged on individuals and from an automated feed from a source
4 system.

1 17. (original) The system of claim 15, further comprising
2 additional rules in said common data administration application.

1 18. (original) The system of claim 17, wherein said common data
2 administration application is adapted to enter said business
3 control data into said relational database according to said
4 additional rules.

1 19. (currently amended) A computer program product for
2 instructing a processor to maintain business control data, said
3 computer program product comprising:

4 a computer readable medium;

5 first program instruction means for developing a model of
6 business rules spanning a plurality of applications and building
7 said rules into a ~~modeled~~ common database;

8 second program instruction means for entering business control
9 data into said ~~modeled~~ common database; and

10 third program instruction means for disseminating to ~~a~~ said
11 plurality of applications, respective portions of said business